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## Ministry assistants gather at Garaywa

By Linda Jenkins  
Correspondent

Ministry assistants, church secretaries, and agency and association office workers from across Mississippi came together at Camp Garaywa in Clinton for their annual two-day conference on April 9-10.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Ministry Assistants Association (MBMAA) and the Pastor/Leadership Development Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), this year's conference had as its theme, Join the Team! It's a Slam Dunk for Your Church! The theme Scripture was, "Two are better than one, because they get good results from their work. A cord of three strands is not easily broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9; 12b) Emphasis was on teamwork between the over 2000 Mississippi Baptist churches, associations and agencies, and MBCB.

The conference was planned and coordinated by Linda Coleman, ministry assistant at Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City and Kay McDonnell, ministry assistant in the MBCB Pastor/Leadership Development Department.

The program featured Charlotte Ready, minister of music at Monticello Church, as the music/worship leader and guest soloist. Jim Futral, MBCB executive director-treasurer, brought the messages. These two opened sessions called Pep Rally.

Team Times allowed conference attendees opportunities to participate in four break-out sessions led by representatives from four different areas of work at MBCB. On Monday afternoon, the ministry assistants chose between a tour of the Baptist Building in downtown Jackson, an informative session on framing and matting led by Nancy Ingram of Nancy's Picture



**MBMAA OFFICERS** — Officers for the Mississippi Baptist Ministry Assistants Association include (front row) Robbie Linley, Winston Assn., secretary; Linda Coleman, Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City, President; and Cindy Lofton, First Church, Carthage, treasurer; (back row) Sonja Jones, Simpson Assn., Mendenhall, 2nd vice-president; Lisa Thornton, Monroe Assn., Amory, 1st vice-president; and Linda Jenkins, noted for 50 years as a church secretary, Yazoo City.

Framing in Yazoo City, or free time. Robin Nichols, GuideStone Financial Resources representative at MBCB, spoke during the Monday afternoon general session.

Matt Buckles, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, was the speaker at the Monday night Tailgate Party.

Other conference features included the MBMAA general business meeting, a silent auction, door prizes, and the awarding of a grand prize. A LifeWay Christian Store was on site for shopping convenience.

Special recognition was given to Linda Jenkins of Yazoo City who recently observed 50 years as a Mississippi Baptist church secretary/ministry assistant. Julia Field, ministry assistant at Meadowood Church, Amory, has been nominated (subsequently elected) as first vice-president in charge of membership for the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries.

She is only the second Mississippi ministry assistant to serve in a national leadership role.

## New Christian group to take up environmental concerns

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Southern Baptist is helping head up a coalition of evangelical Christians from various fields that is preparing public policy recommendations designed not only to foster stewardship of the environment but to promote economic progress.

The newly named Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation has announced that a task force will be addressing the areas of "poverty and development" and "climate and energy" with policy proposals based on the biblical principles included in an earlier document.

Barrett Duke, vice president for public policy and research of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in Nashville, and Stephen Livesay, president of Bryan College in Dayton, Tn., were introduced as co-chairmen of the task force.

With the announcement in Washington, the Cornwall Alliance, formerly known as the Interfaith Stewardship Alliance, maintained its role as an alternative to the Evangelical Climate Initiative ECI.

The ECI, a coalition of more than 100 evangelical leaders, contends human beings are the main cause of global warming, which it says will negatively impact



Duke

poor people the most. The ECI, which issued a statement in February 2006, has endorsed legislation to decrease carbon dioxide emissions in an effort to combat climate change.

Leaders of the Cornwall Alliance continued to assert that the cause of global warming is uncertain. They also expressed concern about the effects that policies proposed by those who believe in human-induced climate change would have on the poor. In July, they released a document that was partly a response to ECI's statement and was signed by more than 110 evangelicals.

"[T]he science is nowhere near settled on the issue of global warming," said Roy Spencer, principal research scientist at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, at a May 2 news conference "The only thing that's settled about global warming... is it has warmed in the last 100 to 150 years.

"The fact is we really don't know how much global warming in the last 100-150 years is manmade and how much is natural. We don't deny that climate change occurs. What we do deny is that mankind is totally or even mostly responsible for that warming.

"I believe that the predictions of catastrophic climate change are more based on faith than they are science," said Spencer, a former NASA scientist for climate studies. "The science is so immature on this subject, we simply do not know what to measure in the atmosphere to determine how sensitive our climate system is to increasing levels of carbon dioxide."

Calvin Beisner, the Cornwall Alliance's national spokesman, told reporters the coalition believes "it is absolutely necessary, if we want to see environmental protection and improvement occur, that we also promote human well-being."

"We believe, in fact, that the best science and the best economics brought together ... indicate to us that recent and foreseeable global warming are well within the bounds of natural, historic variation and they are most likely more natural driven than human driven, that they are not likely to be catastrophic, but in fact probably more likely to be, on balance, benign," said Beisner, associate professor of social ethics at Knox Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., "and that even if for some reason we thought it important to try to slow down the warming of the globe, we really can't do anything significant about it at a cost that would be justified by the benefits received."





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# Our rock-solid schools

**W**ith the April 30 installation of Tommy King as the new president of William Carey University (WCU) in Hattiesburg, Mississippi Baptists have completed — continued, actually — the strongest team of leaders at their institutions of higher learning to be found anywhere in the Southern Baptist Convention.

King is a longtime fixture in Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist life, reaching back beyond the early 1970s when he was a member of the committee that decided Gulfshore Assembly should be rebuilt after Hurricane Camille, and then doing just that at no small sacrifice. He has served on just about every other committee and board known to Mississippi Baptists, as well as accepting a stint on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville.

All of that is on top of serving on the WCU faculty and in the school's administration for more than 20 years, pastoring a church for many of those years, and maintaining a private counseling practice where he helped people under-

stand how to apply Christian principles to life's biggest problems and challenges.

At Mississippi College (MC) in Clinton, President Lee Royce in March faced down a large group of protestors from the homosexual rights group Souforce that had targeted the school and demanded access to students so they could spread



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their perverse message. "We will not allow our campus to be 'taken over' even for a day by those using bullying tactics to promote their agenda," Royce said.

*Bravo!* In a time when supporters of the homosexual rights agenda demand that everyone accept what they have to say without challenging it, in a time when intimidating, made-up pejoratives like "homophobe" are thrown around so freely, Royce was not cowed into submitting to something he knew to be not in the best interests of MC's students and the school's integrity.

At Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Bettye Rogers Coward remains the only female president of a major institution of higher learning in the Southern Baptist Convention. Under her leadership, the formerly all-female school has transitioned smoothly into a coeducational institution, begun a graduate degree program, and thus opened a whole new era of

Christian higher education for the people of northeast Mississippi and beyond.

Ask any member of this trio, and they'll humbly tell you God has blessed their institutions with the finest Christian faculty and administrators who have often sacrificed academic prestige and higher salaries elsewhere to make Mississippi Baptists' institutions of higher learning what they are today. That's true.

God has smiled upon the faithfulness of Mississippi Baptists in many ways, and one of those ways is through our institutions of higher learning. We are most fortunate to have these wonderful educators at our schools.

Remember them in your prayers, and rejoice in what they have accomplished in the Name of the Lord. While you're at it, drop them a note or an e-mail and let them know you're proud of them.

They've earned our support.

## Associations gain foothold in growing Baptist movement

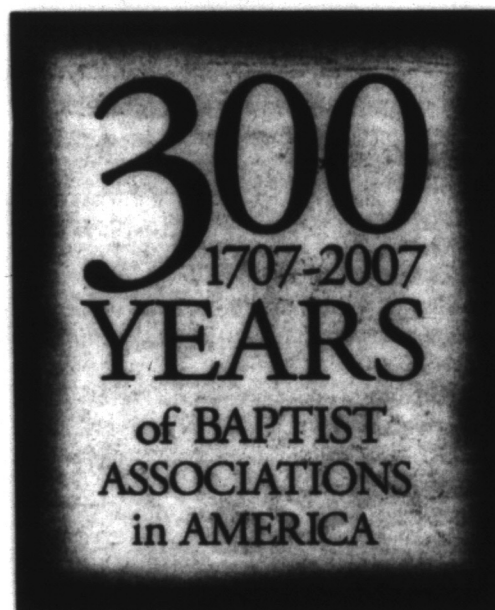
*Second in a series*

**By Frank Lay**  
Correspondent

Religious persecution was often severe towards Baptists in New England. It was illegal for Baptists to preach about the New Birth or to practice believer's baptism. The predominant Puritans demanded religious liberty for themselves but denied it for others.

Early Baptists in New England were often forced to pay tithes to the state-controlled church. Since Pennsylvania and New Jersey offered religious liberty, a number of Baptists migrated to the middle colonies in search of freedom. Most of these Baptists were English, though a number were from Wales and Ireland.

Irish preacher Thomas Dungan and Englishman Elias Keach soon started Baptist churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Keach was the son of well known London preacher Benjamin Keach. Although he wore the garb of a clergyman, Elias Keach was apparently not a Christian upon his arrival from London. Because he was the son of a famous preacher, Keach received an invitation to preach newly organized Pennepack Church in Pennsylvania. However, Elias Keach soon came under conviction by his own preaching and was genuinely converted and baptized by Thomas Dungan.



Afterwards, Keach became such an effective preacher that the membership of the Pennepack church extended to towns throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Soon daughter churches were formed including what became the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

As early as 1688, joint meetings of the regional churches were held for the purposes of baptizing, ordaining ministers, and providing inspirational preaching. These meetings became known as the "yearly meeting" since they were held annually. Then at the annual meeting held at Philadelphia on July 27, 1707, five churches from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware met and organized the Philadelphia Baptist Association.

The first Baptist association in America was patterned after earlier British associations. Like their British counterparts, the Philadelphia association was loosely organized and placed a strong emphasis on the autonomy of the local church.

During its early years, the Philadelphia association was primarily concerned for the survival of the small, struggling churches. Even after fifty years, only three of the 29 member churches had more than one hundred members. Nineteen of those had less than 50 members.

There was also limited education among both clergy and laity. Churches often had to look from within their own membership to call out ministers. Religious education was limited to sermons and Bible reading. Very few books and pamphlets were available.

Early minutes of the association contained practically no references to mission activity because the main focus was on survival. Through the association, the stronger churches were able to assist the weaker ones.

During the second half of the 18th century, however, the Philadelphia association began appealing for the churches to

cooperate in fulfilling the Great Commission. Through cooperation, the association could accomplish what no single church could do alone. This gave rise to an emphasis on ministerial education, religious liberty, and missions.

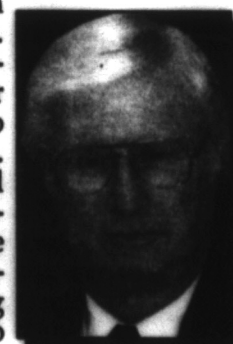
The Philadelphia association soon began sending itinerant missionaries into the southern colonies and into Canada. As a result, Baptists soon gained a foothold in the middle colonies. In time, the Philadelphia Baptist Association included churches from Connecticut to Virginia.

The model of associational life developed by the Philadelphia association became known as "The Philadelphia Tradition." Subsequent associations including Charleston in South Carolina, Sandy Creek in North Carolina, and the Mississippi Association followed The Philadelphia Tradition.

After three hundred years of existence, the Philadelphia Baptist Association is comprised of 123 member churches and is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches (USA).

Over 1200 associations are currently connected with Southern Baptists.

Lay is associational missions director for Carroll-Montgomery Association in Winona. He may be contacted at carrmont@bellsouth.net. Next week: Baptist associations move south.





# Study: Hispanic evangelicals increasing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP and local reports) — Two Southern Baptist Hispanic leaders see evidence of a spiritual hunger and high receptivity to the Gospel among Hispanics in a recent study by the Pew Research Center, and the man in charge of Hispanic ministries for Mississippi Baptists believes the time is right to plant more Hispanic churches across the state.

Bob Sena, director of the field services team in the North American Mission Board (NAMB) church planting group, told Baptist Press the fact that 23% of the Hispanic population now identifies with either evangelical or Protestant churches "indicates that Hispanics are now more receptive to the Gospel message than ever before in the history of this country."

"The Hispanic field is white unto the harvest," Sena said. "My prayer is that the Lord will give us a passion to lead untold numbers of Hispanics to Christ and to start churches in the hundreds of communities across North America where Hispanics now live."

Southern Baptists planted 1,592 Hispanic churches during the past five years, Sena reported, which averages 318 per year.

Daniel Sanchez, professor of missions and director of the Scarborough Institute for Church Planting and Growth at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, agreed that the study confirms a deep spiritual hunger among Hispanics in the United States.

"They are searching for an experience that connects them more closely to God than they find in their traditional forms of worship," Sanchez said of the trend away from traditional Catholicism toward charismatic worship among Hispanics. "...Evangelical Christians can be a blessing to them if they genuinely love them, establish meaningful relationships with them, focus on what is essential



**GROWTH TREND** — Worshippers at Iglesia Bautista Vida Abundante (Abundant Life Baptist Church) praise God and pray for revival during a recent worship service at Briarwood Drive Church in Jackson, where the congregation presently meets in rented space. Mississippi appears to be following a national trend of growing Hispanic interest in evangelical worship. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

for salvation and include them in spirit-filled Bible studies and warm Christian fellowship."

Sanchez noted the desperate need to start more Spanish-speaking churches and to train more Hispanic pastors in response to the Latino population's desire for strong ethnic churches.

"May the Lord give all of us a passion in our communities across the nation to share the good news of salvation with our Hispanic friends and neighbors," Sanchez said. "The Lord could use this as the instrument for the beginning of a great spiritual awakening such as we have not seen in America for many, many years."

Since the inception of the new Church Planting Department and funding strategy implemented in 2002, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) has provided training and financial assistance to establish 23 new churches and approximately 10 house (cell) churches led by indigenous lay leadership or

Hispanic catalytic missionaries, according to MBCB Church Planting Director Ed Deuschle.

"All total, there are approximately 35 Hispanic churches in the Mississippi Baptist Convention plus cell groups and ministries to Hispanics led by established congregations. With the influx of a rapidly growing Hispanic population in our state, we'll need many more new plants in the metropolitan and high growth areas and in our small towns and rural areas.

"We need more associations and local churches to assist in establishing more ministry points and cell groups led by indigenous Hispanic lay leaders," Deuschle said.

Messengers to the annual meetings of the Mississippi Baptist Convention have thrice elected a Hispanic pastor, Joel Medina of Iglesia Internacional Las Américas in Carthage, to serve in the posts of convention first vice-president and second vice-president. To assist in reaching Mississippi's burgeoning Hispanic population for Christ, a portion of the MBCB web site, [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org), is now available in Spanish.

For more information on MBCB Hispanic ministries, Deuschle can be contacted at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3224 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 224. E-mail: [edeuschle@mbcb.org](mailto:edeuschle@mbcb.org).

About one-third of all Catholics in the United States now are Latinos, the Pew study reported. The Hispanic population in this country now exceeds 42 million, or roughly 14% of the population, with projections to keep growing at an energetic rate.

Because Hispanics tend to incorporate Pentecostal and charismatic practices into their worship, this could mean changes are ahead for Catholicism, the nation's largest religious institution, the landmark survey of more than 4,600 Hispanics found.

"Among Latinos, evangelicals tend to be much more charismatic or Pentecostal than Catholics," Luis Lugo, director of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, said. "It's also a pattern we're seeing in Latin America where, in some countries, up to 80% of Protestants are now Pentecostal or charismatic," he noted.

## Chaplain chief named

WASHINGTON (BP) — For the first time since 1954, a Southern Baptist has been nominated to lead the U.S. Army's chaplains. The Army's public affairs office announced May 10 that Chaplain Brigadier General Douglas Carver has been appointed to the grade of Major General for assignment as Chief of Chaplains. The last chief of chaplains from the Southern Baptist Convention was Chaplain (MG) Ivan L. Bennett from 1952-54. In 2005, Carver became the Army's 22nd deputy chief of chaplains and the first Southern Baptist chaplain to be promoted to the Chief of Chaplains office for active duty in more than 50 years.

He also is the first Southern Baptist to hold the position of deputy chief of chaplains. Carver is a native of Rome, Ga., and a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Military chaplains are serving a quarter-million troops in approximately 130 nations. The North American Mission Board is the endorsing agency for the 1,000-plus Southern Baptist chaplains serving in the U.S. military. In addition to the military, SBC-endorsed chaplains also work in prisons, corporations, law enforcement, volunteer, and the health field, with a total of 2,694 NAMB-endorsed chaplains serving today.



## Looking back

### 10 years ago

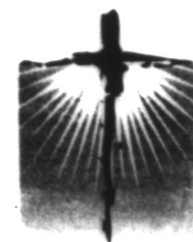
Donna Swarts, member of Corinth Church, Simpson Association, is called in to coordinate child care for Southern Baptist disaster relief efforts in the Grand Forks, N.D. area devastated by Red River flooding.

### 20 years ago

Southern Baptist foreign missionary Jerry Rankin of Clinton is named area director for Southern Asia and the Pacific by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Rankin and his wife, Bobbye, also a Mississippian, became missionaries in 1970.

### 30 years ago

An action of the Wake Forest College trustees permitting dancing on the campus leads to threats of withdrawal of financial support for the school by individual churches. The college is a Baptist institution.



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with God in your own words:*

1. Lord, I admit that I need you.  
(*I have sinned.*)
2. I want forgiveness for my  
sins and freedom from eternal  
death. (*I repent.*)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose  
from the grave to forgive my  
sins and to restore my rela-  
tionship with you.  
(*I believe in Jesus.*)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus  
Christ into my life. From this  
time on, I want to live in a lov-  
ing relationship with Him. (*I  
receive Christ as my Savior  
and Lord.*)

*"But as many as received him,  
to them he gave the right to become  
children of God, even to those who  
believe in his name." (John 1:12)*

*If you make a decision for  
Jesus Christ today, contact a  
local Baptist church for spiritu-  
al guidance.*

#### A BARK OF ENCOURAGEMENT

His name is Bob. Actually, legally I think it is Robert Earl, but he goes by Bob. He is a dog. In fact, he is a high class Walker Hound, a foxhunter. Now if you saw Bob you would know that he has had some rough days. He only has one eye and is a little slow compared to his premium hunting years. His coat is a little scruffy and he probably would never be first pick in a pet store window, but he is a decent old dog. Bob belongs to someone whom I will allow to remain nameless, although he is kin to me. I certainly would not want to embarrass him. (I am not talking about my brother. I am talking about Bob.) Bob lives in, around the pastorium, and in between the pastorium and the church. Depending on what is happening in his world, he gravitates from one place to the next just hanging around the fellowship. While Bob is not much to look at and his best hunting days are behind him, he has one of the most distinct barks of any dog I have ever heard. It is a deep bass bark with a sweet rich resonance about it. Bob barks out a greeting when people pull up at the pastor's home, the church, or even just pass slowly by.

Recently, a lady in the church was telling the pastor how much she loved Bob and appreciated him because he was such an encouragement to her. I am serious! When she would come to church or pass slowly by she was blessed and uplifted by



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**Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board**

hearing Bob bark a few times. He is just that kind of dog. In fact, there are times that I have called the pastor's home not to talk to my brother but just to hear Bob in the background. It just blesses your soul. I did not realize that it had such an affect of encouragement and blessing on other people, but apparently it affects all of us that way.

It is a great thing, a wonderful spiritual attribute, and a tool in the hand of God to be an encourager. Possibly you know people that are that way and maybe even one of Bob's canine families. No doubt, all of us have met both people and pups who are anything but encouragers. There are people who have an unusual capacity to wipe the smile off anybody's face, to suck the joyful energy right out of your heart, and to discourage you beyond description. Even worse, they seem to feel good about making you feel so bad. Thank God for the Bobs of this world, for they have a way of helping you get through some of the bombs of this world. The Bob characters, whether hounds or humans, seem to have biblical origins, Christ-like spirits, and God-used expressions.

His name was Joseph. His friends decided to give him a designation that more aptly described how they felt about him and so they named him Barnabas. You and I remember him as Barnabas, the Son of Encouragement. You remember him from the book of Acts when the church was having trouble and the people were in great need. It was Joseph/Barnabas who stepped up to do a great thing and provided resources that blessed others and stirred the gratitude of the entire church. His act of love and his gracious gift literally transformed the atmosphere of the struggling, almost desperate, fledgling church.

There is no way to measure the enormous and eternal difference that one moment of encouragement can make in a person's or a congregation's life. I suppose we feel the Lord looked upon Barnabas as the patriarch of encouragers, but how grateful we can be that the spirit of God is still producing and providing other encouragers along the pathway of our journey. Down the road, we need a Bob or a Barnabas and in some unusual and magnificent

way, God put them right where we need them to be.

If you think about it, strangely enough it does not take a whole lot to be an encourager to others. Poor old Bob does not look like much. He has only half of his vision and kind of slouches along as he walks. Earlier in the spring a snake bit him, and we did not know if he was even going to make it. He did and still with his sweet, resonant bass bark, he keeps lumbering along, woofing at anyone who gets near enough to hear him bark.

Since we never know when the opportunity to be an encourager is going to present itself and since we never know what needs may be hidden in another person's heart, we need to stay ready, spiritually poised to try to encourage someone if we can. In fact, more than just being ready to do something, ask the Lord to transform your life into a well of encouragement for others so that wherever you are, whoever you are with, and whatever their needs may be, your life will overflow with His goodness and love in such a way that some of them may get together and rename you Bob, or Barnabas. Even if they do not name you something, down in the depths of their heart they will just be thankful that God put you in their path. And all God's people said, "Woof, woof!"

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# HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

May 17, 2007

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## Pastor & Wife RETREAT



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July 12-14, 2007

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During the years leading up to ministry, they worked in the church as youth leaders, single ministry leaders, and Sunday School teachers. Lowry was a deacon at Michael Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport where he taught Sunday School when God called him into full-time ministry.

He became the worship leader at MMBC, but God called him to step out further and become senior pastor at Bel-Aire Baptist Church in Gulfport four years ago. The church is growing rapidly, and they are in a building program.

Kandi has been a radio personality for American Family Radio, managing the station in Gulfport as well as her duties as wife and mother. Telling others about Christ is her joy, and she does that as a speaker for all occasions, Sunday School teacher, columnist for the *Sun Herald* and author of *It's Just Another Bloomin' Day*.

Lowry and Kandi are the parents of three children and have six grandchildren. They have led marriage conferences, revival weekends and enjoy sharing a testimony of "Puny Clay in the Hands of a Great Potter."

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For more information, call the Pastor/Leadership Development Department at (601) 292-3305 or 1-800-748-1651 (toll-free in state).

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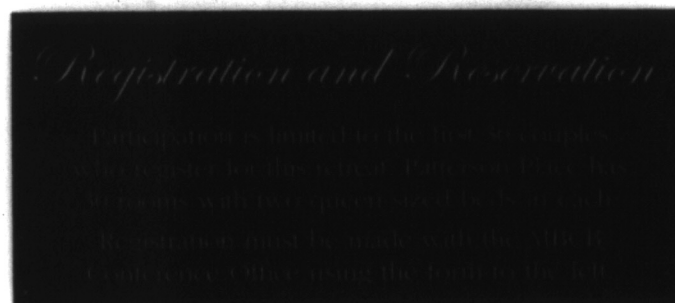
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**Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg**  
**Tuesday, June 26**  
**Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grenada**

### SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY & TUESDAY

2:00 p.m.	Registration
2:30 p.m.	Session I – Preaching
3:30 p.m.	Break
4:00 p.m.	Session II – Ministry
5:00 p.m.	Supper
6:30 p.m.	Session III – Leadership
7:30 p.m.	Break
8:00 p.m.	Session IV – Discipleship
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn

### FEATURED PRESENTER

Paul W. Powell currently serves as dean at Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas. He was the president and chief executive officer of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1990-1995. Powell's last pastorate was Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, where he served from 1972-1989. He has served in numerous denominational services, including: President, Board of Advisors, Texas Baptist Leadership Trustee, Baylor Medical Center, Regent, Baylor University, President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He has authored 11 books, as well as numerous articles and chapters, as contributing editor or writer.

Powell is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Catherine Ann, have three children and three grandchildren.

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Camp begins with check-in at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 2007, and ends at noon on Saturday, July 7.

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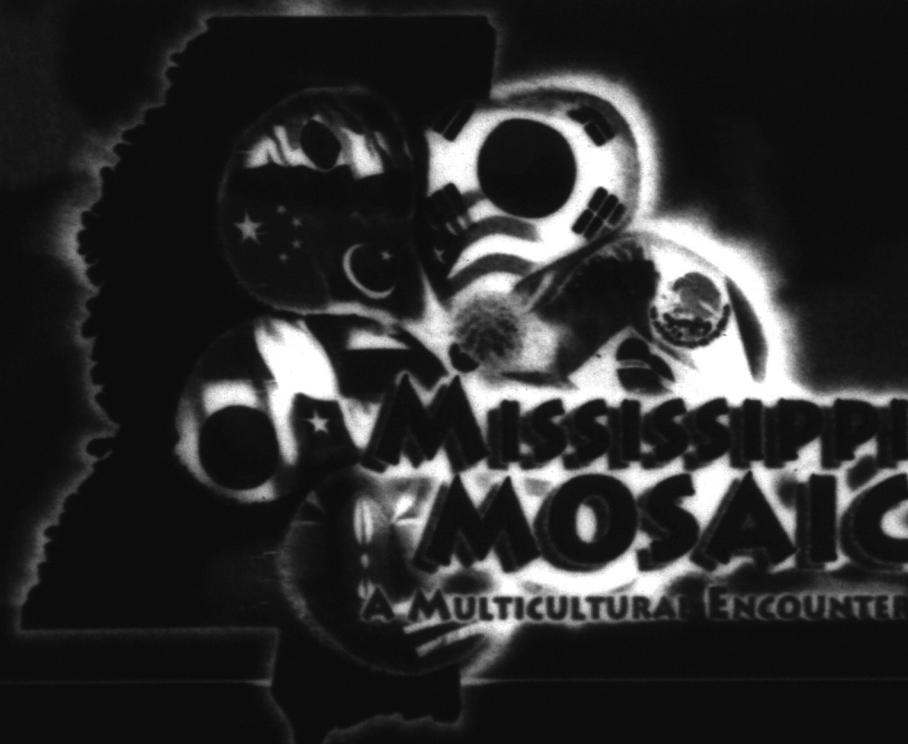
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The "Good News" radio station, the only Christian radio station in the Moskitia of Honduras, is expanding its hours and volunteer staff. It reaches about one-third of all Mosquito villages. Intercede for the volunteers who administer and work at the station.

Pray for God to show each of us in the North American church clearly whether we can say by experience that God has shined in our hearts giving us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus.

(1) State Senior Adult Retreat, Fairview BC, Columbus, 21st-22nd (D&FM); (2) Entreat God for an outpouring of His Spirit to manifest the Lord Jesus and His glory to His church in North America. Seek God's glory for yourself and for His church.

Hundreds of volunteer teams will be throughout China to share the Good News this summer. Pray for preparations on both sides of the ocean. Pray that every strategic volunteer request will be filled and that each volunteer will allow God to reign fully in his or her heart.

Beg the Lord to help us understand that most of our problems are due to our inadequate knowledge of Him. Ask God to help us experience Him and His glory as Isaiah did.

Two different non-Christian families in a Turkish city, who come to outreach activities at a refugee center, are expecting babies to be born in May. Please pray for the health of both the mothers and the babies, and that the members of these families will open their hearts to the truths they hear proclaimed.

A Christian family developed a relationship with a fruit stand owner near their home in Nepal. When they shared the gospel with her, she found it to be true and comforting. Yet her family threatens her with rejection. Pray for her strength and obedience in responding to the Lord.

Muslims in Russia: Out of the blue, a Muslim taxi driver told a worker that he had been baptized in a Christian church as part of his spiritual odyssey after his father's death five years previous. However, A. still keeps the Muslim fast and calls himself a Muslim but is very close to understanding the gospel.

A year ago, G, a national church planter, tried to start a Bible study in his little town in Northeast Mexico where the majority of his family members, devout followers of another world religion, live. A month ago, a house church was born! G and his wife, L, are excited that their family members are coming.

Pray that today would be a day of divine intervention and deliverances from death for our troops around the world. Ask the Lord to surround them with His favor as a shield, and to guard their lives today as they guard the lives of others. Pray for their families back home to trust in God's love and care.

Beseech the Lord's forgiveness for exchanging His glory for substitutes for Him. Ask God to help us see the truth about the extent we truly long for God Himself and not just His blessings. Beg Him to make us as passionate and zealous for His glory as He is.

Please pray for the Joshua Quiche Bible Institute of Guatemala which now has three branches with a total of 37 pastors and leaders studying each week. Lift up the institute's teachers. Ask that many more will avail themselves of this training, which is geared to those who have normal education.

(1) "Celebrate the Call" - NE Miss. Women's Celebration, Calvary BC, Belmont, (WMU); (2) State Single Adult Retreat, Central Hills Baptist Retreat (D&FM); (3) The Gogo Team of Tanzania praise God for the 28 churches/groups started by our small team in the last four and a half years.

After years of sharing the Truth and living a Christian life, one of the translators in Middle Atlas Berbers of Morocco has finally seen his mother come to the Lord. Pray for this woman as she grows in her faith and faces trials and persecution from authorities and her non-believing family and peers.

## 2007 State Senior Adult Rally Thursday, August 30

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E-mail epratt@mc.edu.

Deadline to register is August 23.

HOUSE TOPS



1. **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS)** will hold a summer workshop class at its Jackson, Miss., extension center July 23-27. The Preaching from Acts class will be the first summer workshop offered at the seminary's Jackson location. Cost for the class is \$165 per semester hour for Southern Baptists, \$220 per semester hour for other Baptists, and \$330 per semester hour for non-Baptists. The deadline to register for the July class is June 23. There is no online registration for the course. Interested students should contact Julius Thompson by phone at (601) 856-4341 or by email at [thompson.julius@worldnet.att.net](mailto:thompson.julius@worldnet.att.net). The Jackson extension center is located at Broadmoor Church, Madison.



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**Calvary Church, Carroll County: Homecoming, May 27; services, 10:30 a.m.,** followed by dinner and singing, 1 p.m.; Billy Little, speaker; Jimmy Hood, music; "Bud" Vance, pastor.

**Concord Church, McCall Creek: Homecoming, May 27; services, 11 a.m.,** followed by dinner on the ground and services, 1:15 p.m.; donations for cemetery upkeep can be sent to Concord Cemetery Fund, c/o Bank of Franklin, P.O. Box 606, Meadville, MS 39653.

**Causeyville Church, Meridian: Homecoming and 125th anniversary, May 20; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;** worship, 11 a.m., followed by meal; Franklin McLelland, speaker; Paul Barkley, music.

**New Zion Church, Crystal Springs: Homecoming, May 19-20; Sat., festival, 5-7 p.m.;** hamburger supper, 7 p.m.; music, 7:45 p.m.; Sun., service, 11 a.m., followed by meal; David Brooks, speaker.

**Friendship Church, Brookhaven: Homecoming, May 27; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;** worship, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and afternoon service; James Earl Hunsucker, speaker.

# "Well done..."

MATTHEW 25:21

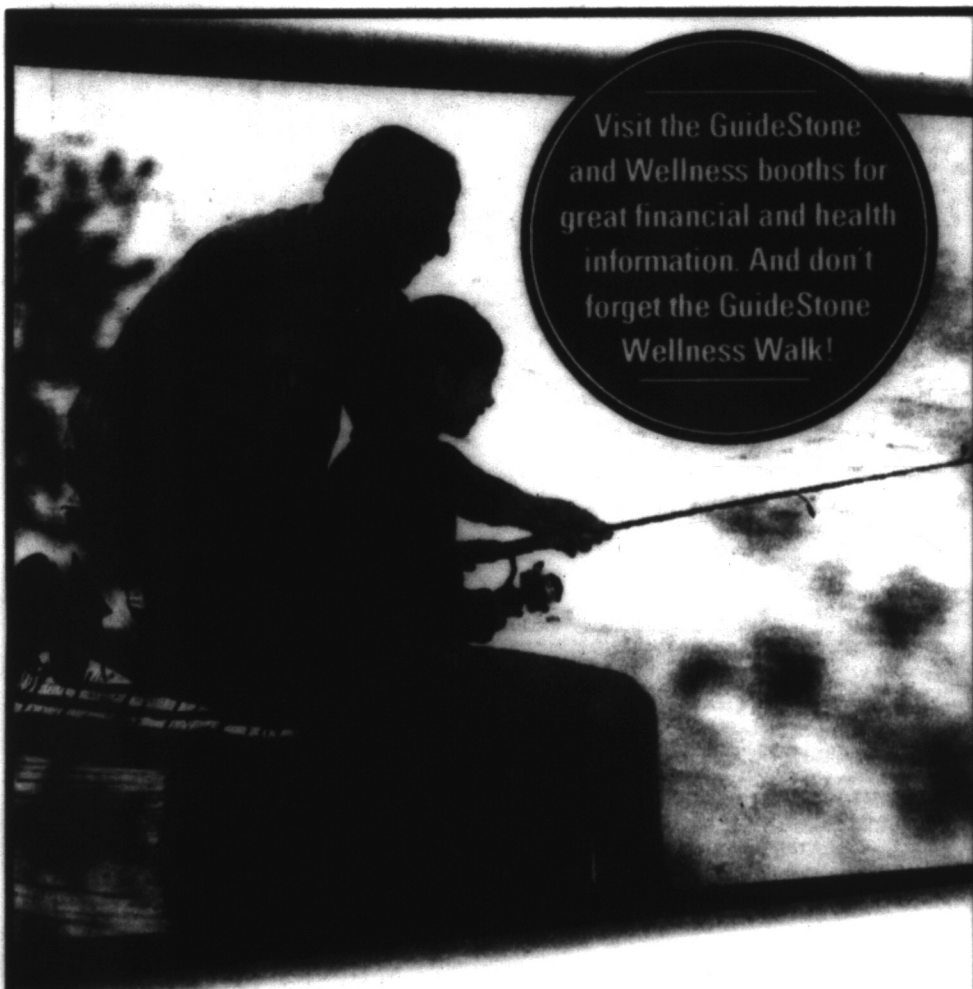
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### Other job responsibilities:

- Provide immediate supervision of residents in the cottage and other settings
- Participate fully in the implementation of each resident's Plan of Care
- Model Christian values and lifestyle for residents and their families
- Model a healthy physical, social and emotional lifestyle for residents
- Serve as the primary transportation resource for residents of assigned cottage

### Job requirements:

- 25-65 years of age
- A single woman or a husband/wife team will be considered for this position
- Good physical, mental and emotional health
- Stable, even disposition
- Valid driver's license with a good driving record

Educational background must be at a minimum a GED, but some college is preferred  
Experience in child rearing is preferred  
Must be flexible and able to work in a team environment  
Good organizational skills

### Intake Specialist on India Nunnery Campus, Jackson

The primary job responsibility of the Intake Specialist is to take all calls requesting services from The Baptist Children's Village during business hours and process all requests for services.

### Other job responsibilities:

- Maintain agency statistics
- Keep parental support records
- Process and manage Visiting Family applications

### Job requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in human service field
- Effective communication skills
- Work well with the public
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# Cherry Street Church Invests in the Lives of Children

The scripture is replete with opportunities for new beginnings under God's leadership. The Cherry Street Baptist Church in Clarksdale has experienced a new beginning in a time, which could have been seen as a time of only loss and regret.

The membership realized that the congregation was no longer large enough for a viable ministry. Rather than seeing this only as a time of ending, the congregation saw this as a time of beginning and a time of continued ministry.

The membership chose The Baptist Children's Village as the place to memorialize permanently the significant history of the Cherry Street Baptist Church and to continue the ministry.

As the facilities of the church were sold, the congregation donated the entire proceeds and all other assets of the church to the Cherry Street Baptist Church Endowment for The Baptist Children's Village. The \$201,015.56 from Cherry Street, invested with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, will generate a quarterly income for the operation of The Baptist Children's Village in perpetuity.

"We want to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us by God and by those who came before us here at Cherry Street. We believe The Baptist Children's Village is the best place to do that," said Styner Raper, Deacon Chair and long time member.

"This gift will be of significant assistance to The Baptist Children's Village as we minister to the neglected, abused and orphaned children of Mississippi. It has been a great inspiration to work with the wonderful people of Cherry Street as they planned how this great church could continue to minister even when the congregation would no longer meet together. They have accomplished their goal of continuing the ministry," said Rory Lee, Executive Director of The Baptist Children's Village.





# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

## Confront in Love

Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5

By Angie Boydston

Webster defines confrontation as a "hostile face-to-face meeting." If confrontation must be hostile, no wonder we want to avoid it. When we are involved in conflict situations, confrontation can actually be a positive path to a solution.

In reality, we usually do not handle confrontation in the manner God ordained. Many people avoid confrontation, thinking it a kinder way of dealing with the situation. However, avoidance of the problem can allow bitterness to grow and prevent resolution. Some people confront too quickly and harshly, making the situation worse. There is a God-honoring way to handle confrontation in a conflict.

In Matthew 18:15-17 Jesus offers a process for resolving conflict among believers. There are four simple steps to follow. First, we should approach the other person. Here we seek to straighten out the matter between us in a calm and fair discussion. If our attempt is rebuffed, we are to take one or two others along to discuss the matter.

If the disagreement is not resolved at this stage, the church is to become involved in helping settle the dispute. Finally, if the other party is not open to resolution, we are to disassociate ourselves from him. Even if this last resort occurs, we should leave the door for future discussions open.

In verse 17, Matthew clearly means for the local church to participate in conflict resolution. This is one of only two times in



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the gospels this word is used. A disagreement among believers certainly causes tension in the congregation. The goal of this process should always be reconciliation so that the body of Christ is unified.

Galatians 5:13-15 outlines the principle by which we confront others. Much of this chapter speaks of the freedom we have as Christians. With great freedom comes great responsibility. Part of our responsibility is to serve one another in love, even in conflict situations. To do the opposite, attacking one other, only leads to a more destructive situation.

Love builds up the body of Christ. Especially when confronting another believer, we must be careful not to destroy him or her. Our words and actions are powerful and we should use them to build up our brothers and sisters, thereby building up the church as a whole.

So then, why confront other believers? The purpose is found in Galatians 6:1-5. When a believ-

er is caught in a sin, it is the task of more spiritually mature believers to try to restore the erring one. The Greek word used for "restore" in verse 1 elsewhere describes mending nets and setting bones. We can be of great help to others when we confront them gently.

In trying to restore another believer, we must be careful not to fall prey to sin. One specific danger for those who seek to help others is pride. Comparing our lives to the fallen believer's life leads to feeling superior in our own spiritual attainments. The delicate work of restoration must be done humbly, with the consciousness that no one is immune from falling into sin.

Believers are to confront others in love in order to restore them to spiritual health. Before we confront others, we need to reexamine our own actions and attitudes using the same standards we apply to others. We must put aside any conceit, any attitude intolerant of error in others. Whatever pride we feel should be in what God has done in our lives.

Verse 2 of this passage emphasizes carrying each other's burdens as a way to help our fellow Christians with their weaknesses. Verse 5, on the other hand, stresses carrying our own. The Greek text here uses two different words for "burden." Verse 2 describes heavy, crushing burdens while those in verse 5 are lighter ones each believer must bear.

A distinction is made between those burdens that can be borne alone and those that require help. We can assist one another in overcoming the weight of sin. If we care about our fellow believers, we will want to get them back on track. We should care enough to face the confrontation required.

Webster defines love as "a personal attachment or deep affection." Love is putting someone else's best interests ahead of your own. Confronting someone in love may be the best way to show them you care.

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## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### Spiritual Error Is Rampant

2 Peter 2:1-22

By Ivan Parke

Truth precedes lies. Lies never come first. In the first century, for example, Paul notified Timothy, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths" (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Paul had urged Timothy, "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2). Years later, the most effective way to counter falsehood has not changed. Lies can't handle the truth. Faced with the facts, every lie eventually dies.

In chapter two, Peter exposed the truth about false teachers. He lamented how destructive they were (vv. 18-22). He awaited their "swift

destruction" (v. 1; see also vv. 3, 12), God's judgment (vv. 3-9, 17).

**1st Characteristic: False teachers wreck lives with their words.**

His language could not have been more graphic. Peter sounded the alarm, reporting the dangers of false teachers. They "deny" (v. 1), "malign" (v. 2), "exploit" (v. 3), "revile" (v. 10; see also v. 12), and "entice" (vv. 14, 18). Each verb signifies an assault with a "concealed" weapon, the tongue (see Jas. 3:5-10).

According to verse 1, false teachers "deny" Jesus. The Greek verb is a present participle, conveying continuous action; i.e., "saying no" to a question or a person. The same verb appears in the "Passion" narratives: e.g., "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" [Peter] denied it, and said, "I am not" (Jn. 18:25).



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The Greek verb, translated "malign" (v. 2) is blasphemeo. The very same verb, translated "revile" or "slander" (NIV) in verse 10, is a present participle.

In verse 3, the Greek verb, translated "exploit," is a marketplace term. It can be rendered "carry on business" (Jas. 4:13BNIV), "buy and sell," "trade in," or "make profit of."

False teachers defraud their followers, spouting "false words" to solicit financial support. The Greek adjective, translated "false," modifying "words," is plastos (derivative: "plastic").

In verses 14 and 18, the Greek verb, translated "entice," depicts baiting a trap. In verse 14, the verb is a present participle.

If false teachers are so harmful, why do so "many" (v. 2) follow them? Chapter two contains four clues. [a] False teachers do not intrude. Peter warned that they will be "among you" (v. 1; see also Mt. 13:24-30); already familiar, consequently, easier to trust. [b] False teachers realize that subtle is

better than flagrant. The Greek verb, translated "secretly introduce" (v. 1), compares to sneaking (Gal. 2:4) or smuggling. [c] False teachers have perfected their craft: "trained in greed" (v. 14). The Greek verb, translated "trained" or "exercised" (KJV), is gymnao (derivative: "gymnastic"). [d] False teachers know the power of a promise (v. 19), especially an empty one. They manipulate hope because people want to believe.

**2nd Characteristic: False teachers live like they speak.**

To proclaim truth and live contrary is a hypocrite. Regarding the Pharisees, therefore, Jesus specified, "All that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them" (Mt. 23:3).

To proclaim error and live accordingly is a false teacher. Regarding false teachers, Peter wrote, "Forsaking the right way they have gone astray" (v. 15). The verbs, "forsake" and "gone astray," represent a "cause and effect." The verb "forsake" reveals a determined preference for decadence,

intentional depravity.

"Daring and self-willed" (v. 10), false teachers become "slaves of corruption" (v. 19). On earth, everybody is a slave with a choice: Who will be my master? (see Rom. 6:16-23)

Peter observed that false teachers "indulge the flesh" (v. 10; see also v. 18). A more literal translation than "indulge" is "going or walking after" (present participle). False teachers pursue sensuality (vv. 2, 18), greed (vv. 3, 14), despising authority (v. 10), reveling (v. 13), carousing (v. 13), wrongdoing (v. 13), and adultery (v. 14); what Paul called "deeds of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19-21).

Such behavior provokes God's wrath. In verses 4-8, Peter likened false teachers to the worst transgressors whom God severely punished: fallen angels; Noah's world; and two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. Followers of a false teacher face the same fate (vv. 18-22). They are without excuse, having "known the way of righteousness" (v. 21).

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Children, Youth, and Adult Bible Drillers, Harmony Church, Louisville

1. **Harmony Church, Louisville**, recognizes its Bible drillers. Shown are participants in the children's drill, youth drill, and adult drill.



2. Women on Mission, First Church, Pascagoula



3. Adult Bible Drillers, Central Church, McComb

2. The Women on Mission of **First Church, Pascagoula**, held their annual spring prayer retreat Apr. 3. Shown is Peggy Hoover, portraying a Muslim woman.

3. **Central Church, McComb**, recognizes its Adult Bible Drill participants: Russell Bardwell, Nic Mancuso, and Betty Dickerson.

4. **Cleary Church, Rankin Association**, recognizes its state children's Bible drillers. Bottom: Matthew Nicholson, Sidney Phillips, Kaitlyn Lee, Courtney May. Top: Storm Malley, TJ Temply, Jessie, Yelverton, and Matthew McGuffin.

5. **Calvary Church, Parchman**, hosted the FCA Youth Night recently. Shown are the participants and Ray Bridges, professor at Delta State University.

6. **New Salem Church, Tishomingo County**, recently ordained two men for deacon service. Shown are Heath Whitaker and wife Alisha, pastor Ron Norvell, and Jerry Gray and wife Bridgett.

7. **First Church, Taylorsville**, recognizes its Bible drillers. Shown are Kristen Phipps, Brianna McMillian, Breanna O'Mary, Alex Blakeney, Nikki Hankins, Luke Ishee, Hayden O'Mary, Carr McMorris, and Kayla Shelby.

10. **Calvary Church, Meridian**, will host the Providentials Quartet May 20, 6 p.m.

11. **First Church, Eupora**, will host TK and McRae in concert May 26, 7 p.m., with opening soloists at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

12. **High Hill Church, Philadelphia**, recognizes its Bible drillers and Bible Buddies. Front, Bible Buddies, are Hunter Graham, Jimmy Files, Katie Culpepper, and Austin Stamper; center, children's drillers, are Zach Bazor and Laryssa McBeath; back, youth drillers, are Breanna McBeath, Haleigh Graham, and Travis Loper.

13. **Fernwood Church, Fernwood**: Centennial Celebration, May 20, 10:45 a.m.



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4. Children Bible Drillers, Cleary Church, Rankin Association



5. FCA Youth Night, Calvary Church, Parchman



6. Deacon Ordination, New Salem Church, Tishomingo County



12. Bible Drillers, High Hill Church



7. Bible Drillers, First Church, Taylorsville

8. The Church Music Department of the **Mississippi Baptist Convention Board** is hosting HeartSong, a music and worship arts camp for 7-12th graders, June 25-29, at East Central Community College and **Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur**. For information, call (800) 748-1651, or local in Jackson, (601) 292-3267, email [scuttrell@mbcb.org](mailto:scuttrell@mbcb.org), or visit [www.mbcb.org](http://www.mbcb.org).

9. **First Church, Ripley**, is hosting a parent conference, Uniting Youth and Parents, Aug. 10-12. Free. To register, email [fbclarry@dixie-net.com](mailto:fbclarry@dixie-net.com).